

**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE**

In re:

START MAN FURNITURE, LLC, et al.,<sup>1</sup>

Debtors.

Chapter 7

Case No. 20-10553 (CTG)

(Jointly Administered)

ALFRED T. GIULIANO, in his capacity as Chapter 7  
Trustee of Start Man Furniture, LLC, *et al.*,

Plaintiff,

vs.

UNIVERSAL FURNITURE INDUSTRIES, INC.,

Defendant.

Adv. Proc. No. 22-50224 (CTG)

**SCHEDULING/PRETRIAL ORDER**

To promote the efficient and expeditious disposition of adversary proceedings, the following schedule shall apply to the above-captioned adversary proceeding.

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that:

1. The discovery planning conference described in Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(f), made applicable by Fed. R. Bankr. P. 7026, shall be deemed to have taken place; provided, however, that the parties each reserve their rights regarding issues concerning electronic discovery.

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<sup>1</sup> The Debtors in these cases, along with the last four digits of each Debtor's federal tax identification number, include: Start Man Furniture, LLC (f/k/a Art Van Furniture, LLC) (9205); SVF Holding Company, Inc. (f/k/a AVF Holding Company, Inc.) (0291); SVCE, LLC (f/k/a AVCE, LLC) (2509); StartVF Holdings I, LLC (f/k/a AVF Holdings I, LLC) (2537); StartVF Holdings II, LLC (f/k/a AVF Holdings II, LLC) (7472); SVF Parent, LLC (f/k/a AVF Parent, LLC) (3451); Levin Parent, LLC (8052); Start Man Furniture of Canada, LLC (f/k/a Art Van Furniture of Canada, LLC) (9491); SV Sleep Franchising, LLC (f/k/a AV Pure Sleep Franchising, LLC) (8968); SVF Franchising, LLC (f/k/a AVF Franchising, LLC) (6325); LF Trucking, Inc. (1484); Sam Levin, Inc. (5198); and Comfort Mattress LLC (4463).

2. The above-captioned adversary proceeding is assigned to mediation pursuant to Local Rule 9019-5.

3. No later than fifteen (15) days after this Scheduling Order is entered, the Plaintiff shall provide three (3) proposed mediators from the Delaware panel of mediators from which to select and who have agreed to serve. Defendant shall select from the list unless by separate agreement a mediator is chosen by the parties. The Plaintiff shall pay the fees and costs of the mediator in this adversary proceeding in accordance with the Local Rules and General Orders of this Court.

4. No later than forty-five (45) days after this Scheduling Order is entered, the parties shall file a Stipulation Regarding Appointment of a Mediator setting forth the mediator selected by the parties and the date the mediation has been set to commence. If the Parties cannot agree on a mediator, the Plaintiff shall file a statement alerting the Court of such inability and a request that the Court select and appoint a mediator to the proceeding.

5. All formal discovery between the parties, including, but not limited to the service of initial disclosures under Fed.R.Civ.P. 26(a)(1), shall be tolled until after the filing of the Mediator's Certificate of Completion pursuant to Local Rule 9019-5(f)(ii). The form of stipulation tolling discovery attached hereto as **Exhibit A** is hereby approved.

6. The parties shall provide the initial disclosures under Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(1) no later than thirty (30) days after the filing of the Certificate of Completion. Any extension of the deadline to provide initial disclosures may be made by agreement of the parties or by Order of the Court for good cause shown.

7. All fact discovery shall be completed no later than one hundred twenty (120) days after the filing of the Certificate of Completion.

8. Any expert report required pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(a)(2)(B) shall be served by the party which bears the burden of proof for that issue no later than one hundred sixty-five (165) days after the filing of the Certificate of Completion. Any party's expert report intended to rebut any other expert report, including any other expert reports that may be filed earlier than the deadlines established in this subparagraph, shall be provided no later than thirty (30) days after the report being rebutted, provided, however, that in no event shall the thirty (30) day period start prior to one hundred twenty (120) days after the filing of the Certificate of Completion. All reports shall provide the information required by Fed.R.Civ.P. 26(a)(2)(B). All expert discovery shall be completed no later than two hundred seventy (270) days after the filing of the Certificate of Completion.

9. All dispositive motions shall be filed and served by not later than thirty (30) days after the close of all discovery and shall be subject to Rule 7007-1 of the Local Rules.

10. As soon as is feasible after the close of all discovery, the Plaintiff shall contact the Court to schedule a final pretrial conference in accordance with Local Rule 7016-2(a).

11. The Plaintiff shall immediately notify Chambers upon the settlement, dismissal, or other resolution of any adversary proceeding subject to this Order and shall file with the Court appropriate evidence of such resolution as soon thereafter as is feasible. The Plaintiff shall file a status report sixty (60) days after the date of this Scheduling Order, each sixty (60) days thereafter, and thirty (30), twenty (20), and ten (10) days prior to trial, setting out the status of each unresolved adversary proceeding subject to this Order. Plaintiff shall immediately advise

Chambers, in writing, of any occurrence or circumstance which Plaintiff believes may suggest or necessitate the adjournment or other modification of the trial setting.

12. Deadlines contained in this Scheduling Order may be extended by written agreement of the parties or upon written motion or stipulation for cause shown.

13. The Plaintiff shall serve this Scheduling Order on the Defendant in the above-captioned adversary proceedings within five (5) business days after the entry of this Order.

**Dated: August 5th, 2022**  
**Wilmington, Delaware**



**CRAIG T. GOLDBLATT**  
**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE**